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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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4599 Private
Harold Franklin Smith

57th Battalion



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57th Batn
A.I.F.

SMITH
Harold Franklin 4599

Wounded Sep-Oct"

Ad Re eaing War Hpl. 24.10.17. -G.S.W. left arm-hand.
Disch to Furlough 2.11.17. 5.11.17 and report Sutton Veny
Cert. by A.I.F. HdQtrs 10.11.17.

London.
12.11.17.

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57th A.I.F.

Smith, Pte. HF. 4599

(K. Ap. 24/18)

"On Ap. 24th we were making a counter attack to retake a village near Villers Brettoneux. Smith was acting as a D Coy. Stretcher bearer, and was carrying out a Cpl. when the Germans opened out a machine gun on the stretcher bearers. He was hit in several places, including the stomach, and died at once. I saw Smith lying dead. They brought him out to our C.M. Store at Daours, and I saw a Cross there ready to go on his grave."

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Medium height, and build, fair (fairly) a young man. Had been previously wounded.

Informant: Pte. R.K. Rowbottom, 4586.
57th A.I.F. D. XVI.
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5.8.18.
E.C.Hughes.

57th. Battn.

Smith. H.F. 4599.

K. 24/4/18.

I did not see him killed, but I was present when he was buried at the Daours Military Cemetery.

There is a cross on the grave.

Trigwell, R.J. Pte. 7314.

57th. Battn.

14. A. Dartford. 10/8/18.

R.D.B.

57th. Battn. Smith, H.F. 4599.

K. 24/4/18.

He was carrying out a wounded stretcher case, (Cpl. Orr) in front of Villers Bretonneux when he was hit by enemy M.G. bullets, and killed instantaneously.

57th. Battn. Birdsey. B. 3469.
C.S.M.

13. A. Dartford. 13/8/18.

R.D.B.

Havre. 14th. October 1918.

57th. Australians. Smith, H. F. 4599.

K. April. 25/1918. Dets. D/B.

In D. Company, from near Bendigo, single. He was S/Bearing near Villers Brettonoux when he was hit by M.G. Fire through the stomach. He was taken to the D/Station where he died the same night. He lived about six hours. He was buried in a Cemetery near Corbie.

Inf:- Private. S. J. Sinclair. 4598.
57th. Australians. B.
Hospital Ship.

RBS.

M.

CP.

57th Battn.

SMITH,
H.F., 4599

K. 25/4/18.

I knew casualty, he was at Villers Brettoneaux and was going forward in advance when he was killed instantly by a high explosive shell. I did not witness his death but saw his body just before he was buried at Daours. There was a cross, with his name, number and unit on it, erected over his grave.

Informant:- 3315
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19/9/19.

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